Violation of guidelines of river water usage by A.P.

3188. DR. (MS.) P. SELVIE DAS:
SHRI K.B. KRISHNA MURTHY:
SHRI K. RAHMAN KHAN:

Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that Andhra Pradesh is illegally implementing irrigation projects along its borders with Karnataka in violation of guidelines in force on inter-State river water usage;

(b) if so, whether Government have attempted to evolve an equitable water sharing arrangement between the two States;

(c) whether the State Government of Karnataka has lodged any complaint with the Centre on large scale diversion of water across borders; and

(d) whether Government are keen to enforce the Bachawat Tribunal directives in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRIMATI BIJOYA CHAKRAVARTY): (a) to (d) The Government of Karnataka has drawn the attention of the Union Government regarding the construction of two feeder canals by the Government of Andhra Pradesh namely, (i) Feeder Channel from Sidagappanakatte to P. Byadagere tank; (ii) Feeder Channel to divert water from the catchement upstream of Reddihally tank in North-Penner Basin in Karnataka to a local halla of Rolla Tank in Andhra Pradesh. The Government of Karnataka has apprehended that flows to the Honnagondanahalli tank will be reduced on account of the first feeder canal and cause irreparable setback to the farmers of Reddihally tank in Karnataka due to the second feeder canal. The Government of Andhra Pradesh has informed that the work on Feeder Channel from Sidagappanakatte to P. Byadagere tank has been stopped. The Central Water Commission has convened an inter-State meeting of representative of Government of Karnataka and

Government of Andhra Pradesh on 7.9.2001 to discuss all such reported diversion works.

Bargi Dam of Jabalpur

†3189. SHRI P.K. MAHESWARI: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) what is the age of Bargi Dam situated at Jabalpur in Madhya Pradesh;

(b) the reasons for delay in construction of right coast canal;

(c) what assistance can be extended by the Central Government for the construction of right coast canal; and

(d) the present status of this project in the priority list of irrigation projects?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRIMATI BIJOYA CHAKRAVARTY): (a) and (b) Bargi Project consists of a main dam, Left Bank Canal and two Power Houses. The main dam was completed in the year 1987. Right Bank Canal from Bargi Reservoir which is also known as Bargi Diversion Project has been delayed due to insufficient funding to the project by the State Government.

(c) and (d) The Union Government is providing Central Loan Assistance (CLA) under Accelerated Irrigation Benefits Programme (AIBP) to such approved irrigation projects which fulfil the norms of this Programme.

Irrigation being a State subject, the concerned State Governments are primarily responsible for planning, funding and execution etc. of all types of irrigation projects including flood control and drainage from their own resources and as per their own priorities.

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